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A Secret Clause?

From the day when the Japanese envoys at Portsmouth made their unaccountable surrender of diplomatic demands in order to assure peace, there have been rumors that back of the published terms of peace was a secret agreement of some sort. This secret agreement, whose existence has been confidently asserted, is now analyzed, on alleged high authority, in a remarkable cable dispatch from London.

It is declared that Emperor William, as intermediary, induced the Czar to agree to such a settlement, at the time of the mysterious meeting of the two rulers in the Baltic sea. The Kaiser was as anxious for peace as was President Roosevelt, and his anxiety was of a more pressing, personal, and selfish sort, for the interests of his country were far more deeply involved than were those of the United States.

The story goes that the Czar, in a secret agreement between himself and the Mikado, pledges himself to pay \$500,000,000 indemnity, in five payments of \$100,000,000 annually. This is not to be paid by the Russian empire, and, therefore, is not strictly, in an international sense, an indemnity. The Czar personally obligates himself to make the payment, to which his personal estates and revenues are amply adequate, for he is by far the wealthiest ruler in the world. Of these five annual payments, it is said, one is to be in liquidation of Japan's claim for the care of the Russian prisoners now in Japan.

Before Dr. Maartens sailed from New York for Europe he admitted that a secret treaty existed. It is urged that without orders from the Czar he would not have dared make such an admission. The explanation is that it was necessary to admit this much in order to let the Japanese people know that their country had been better cared for than they had supposed. The situation in Japan, if not actually menacing, is certainly embarrassing and painful; and it could hardly be expected that the Mikado's government would permit riots and disaffection and the possibility of anti-foreign demonstrations because of a mere misunderstanding of the real peace terms.

If it is true that there was such a secret agreement, then, the probability is that its existence was admitted by Dr. Maartens as the result of a request from the Mikado, directed to the Czar, in order to allay Japanese disaffection. The more detailed story which comes from London, in this view, may be assumed to have been given out for Japanese consumption.

It is even said that when Komura threw down his hand at Portsmouth and, under orders from Tokyo, accepted the Russian terms, neither he nor Witte knew of the existence of the secret indemnity agreement. This seems impossible, yet no more impossible than the Japanese surrender at Portsmouth seemed at the time it was made. Witte was astounded, Komura was greatly depressed, the world was completely taken by surprise, and Japan felt outraged. It was a most remarkable diplomatic move and the secret treaty is the only logical explanation yet offered.

That Indianapolis Quarrel.

The problem of what to do with our ex-presidents seems to have been succeeded by the no less difficult one of what to do with their monuments. The Hon. Grover Cleveland has been fully as much of a political issue in his capacity as an ex-President as he was during the period when he was President. Now we have the painful spectacle of a controversy over the disposal of the statue of former President Harrison, in Indianapolis, with two or three Presidential possibilities involved in it.

Indianapolis having decided to erect a fitting memorial in the form of an heroic statue of Benjamin Harrison, permission was secured to place it in front of the Federal building, provided Vice President Fairbanks, Senator Beveridge, and Congressman Overstreet could agree about details. Now, in the present situation of Hoosier politics, it would be about as easy to mix oil and water, or Corbin and Miles, as to get an agreement between Fairbanks and Beveridge. To complicate matters further, the artist of the statue had views of his own, and the architectural experts of the Treasury Department were not able to accept his ideas, declaring that if the statue were placed in the location prescribed, and on the pedestal designed,

it would ruin the architectural effect of the Federal building. There have been sundry peace conferences and pourparlers, but the correspondents at the seat of war all take a pessimistic view of the outlook. They doubt if a modus vivendi can be arranged.

The exact relation of this statutory issue to the Presidential booms of Messrs. Fairbanks, Shaw, and Beveridge has not been explained. It seems that up to date Secretary Shaw has been aligned in a general way with the Beveridge interest, and that the Vice President has been getting the short end of it. This is the second advantage scored by the Secretary in the preliminary jockeying on the Indiana track. The other was when an influential member of the Indiana delegation in Congress flatly declared for Shaw for President.

The estimable and enterprising Secretary of the Treasury would appear to have determined to make an especial assault on the preserves of the firmament-supporting statesman from Hoosierdom. When Mr. Fairbanks went South to cultivate his boom he was promptly followed by Mr. Shaw. Then the Vice President took a turn in Vermont, and now the minister of finance is up there, talking about fish and game, but making Presidential goo-goo eyes at the natives. The Indianapolis statutory quarrel is only one of a number of related complications in the affairs of their enclaves of Indiana and Iowa. The 1908 campaign is with us, and if it is a little under-ripe and causes internal twinges for the political bad boys who have picked it so soon, why, it is their own fault. To the rest of the community it is quite entertaining.

The Debt of Nature.

No catastrophe that can befall mankind is ever regarded with so much awe and horror as the great cataclysms of nature that by their terrific displays of power bring man to sharp realization of his insignificance in the presence of the real forces of the universe. The utmost that the ingenuity and resources of man could devise by way of destructiveness and horror cannot compare with the spectacle of a Lisbon, a Pelee, or a Pompeii.

The forces of nature never tire of inflicting their horrors in the world, and man is helpless to protect himself against them. It may be a tidal wave at Galveston, wiping out a city, or the flood of a great river in China; a tornado at St. Louis, an earthquake in India, the eruption and explosion of a volcano in the West Indies, or an earthquake in Italy; whatever it is, it comes with fearful power and with no note of warning.

The earthquake which has done such terrific damage to both property and life in southern Italy again enforces these considerations of the inexorable will with which nature enforces her claims. It recalls, too, how very little has been discovered about volcanic and seismic disturbances. It is known that there has been in the last few years a striking increase in these activities throughout all the earthquake and volcanic regions of the world. From Hawaii to Italy, from the West Indies to the East Indies, in southern as well as northern hemisphere, the ancient historic volcanoes have been remarkably active, while others which have been supposed to be extinct have broken into eruption.

Since the horror of Pelee and Martinique more study has been given to volcanic phenomena than ever before. There is an increasing belief that volcanoes are not chimneys or vents concentering directly with the molten interior of the planet; but rather, that each volcano or volcanic group is the safety-valve for a comparatively small deposit of molten material that has worked its way out into the crust of the globe—a mere bubble. But this theory, while accounting for a number of phenomena of volcanoes and earthquakes, does not explain why the tendency of volcanic activity is felt periodically all over the world. When the volcanoes of Italy are reported performing, it is almost invariably the case that a few days later will bring like reports from Asia, South America, Mexico, the West Indies, and the other volcanic regions. It is said that some very valuable conclusions about these disturbances will presently be made public as a result of the studies of the Pelee eruptions which recently horrified the entire world.

The Prussian government will doubtless feel cheered when it learns how easy it was for the life insurance financiers.

The Chautauqua trust may elect the next President, but it has been pulling a long time to get Hobson to Congress without success.

Mr. Pfister proposes to have some pfun with those detractors of his.

Rogostevsky and Komura ought to arrange an exchange of citizenship, neither feeling very safe about going home.

Despite his utmost efforts, the foot-falls of the Hon. Gun S. B. Stone have been echoed all the way from Missouri huts back to Washington.

There is always an additional element of mystery in the murder of a newspaper man, because robbery is eliminated as a motive.

Now if the wheat raisers get together and decide to hold their grain, we will have to choose between freezing and starving to death.

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

MRS. LESLIE SHAW HAS RETURNED

With Daughters Will Make Home at Arlington.

AN ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Betrothal of Lieutenant Commander Sims and Miss Anne E. Hitchcock Has Been Made Public.

Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw and her daughters, Miss Enid and Miss Emma Shaw, arrived in Washington last evening and will for the present make their home at the Arlington, where Secretary Shaw has resided since leaving Massachusetts avenue early last summer. Secretary Shaw, who is now enjoying a trip to New England will join his family here Tuesday.

Society people generally will be delighted with the announcement which comes from the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitchcock this morning of the engagement of their elder daughter, Miss Anne E. Hitchcock, to Lieut. Com. William S. Sims, U. S. N. The Secretary and Mrs. Hitchcock are still with their family at their summer home, "Westmere," Monadnock, N. H., and will not return to Washington until after the 15th of this month.

Lieutenant Commander Sims is a graduate of Annapolis, class 1878, and is inspector of target practice. Miss Hitchcock is one of the most accomplished girls of Washington, having not only been presented to society under the most pleasant circumstances possible at the court of Europe as well. She was first introduced to the big social world at St. Petersburg, when her father was ambassador to that country in 1888. Secretary Hitchcock was the first diplomat sent from this country to Russia with the rank of ambassador, and his family has well received. Since 1890, Lieutenant Commander Sims has been living in Washington, and have been notable figures in the social world.

Mrs. Hitchcock and his family are planning to leave Cold Spring Point, Mass., and arrive in Washington about the 20th instant.

The Chinese minister, Sir Chenkung Liang-Cheng, will arrive in Washington from Amherst, Mass., shortly. He will have with him his daughter and sons.

Lieut. and Mrs. William D. A. Anderson, who were married two weeks ago, and who returned from their bridal trip for a visit with Mrs. Anderson's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Earl I. Brown, at Washington barracks, where the captain is stationed, have left the city. After a visit to Lynchburg, Va., they will go to Fort Leavenworth, where Lieut. Anderson is stationed. He was formerly at the barracks here.

Mrs. Joseph B. Foraker joined Senator Foraker yesterday at the Virginia Hot Springs.

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, who are at Hot Springs, Va., were guests at one of the many luncheon parties given at Eastern Farm recently.

The friends of F. W. Vaughn, teacher of the young men's class of the Sunday school of Calvary Baptist Church, will be glad to know that he has returned to the city, which will be very much benefited by his teaching. He will teach his class next Sunday, which will be the signal for a large attendance.

Harold C. Kaufman has returned to the city after a month's sojourn among the Adirondacks. He visited his mother at the Blue Mountain House, New York, and concluded his trip with a visit to New York city. He leaves Washington the latter part of the week for Atlantic City and Cape May.

Mrs. Walter Wellman and her daughters, who returned last week from Port-au-Mouth, N. H., where they accompanied Mr. Wellman for the peace conference, where they will remain for several months. Miss Ruth Wellman has been in Colorado for several months already.

Louis Greenbaum has gone to Boston, where he will visit his relatives for about a month.

Louis Cohen, who has been traveling for the past month, through Milwaukee, Chicago, the lakes, and New York, has returned to his home.

Miss Helen Luchs has returned to her home after a trip to New York, Atlantic City, and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kohner and daughter, who spent the summer at Brightonwood, have returned to their home on M street.

Miss Ruth Grosner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Grosner, of this city, celebrated her fourth birthday at the Brien Home, on M street, recently. For since the little one's first birthday, her parents have observed the event by giving a party at the Brien Home, and each year the children of this institution look forward with pleasure to this celebration, which always means that an afternoon of untold pleasure is in store for them.

When Mrs. Grosner and her little daughter arrived at the home the little ones were all assembled with smiling faces around the festive board, waving hands and bestowing smiles of welcome upon their little hostess. After a most delightful afternoon, spent in the way of playing games, singing, and other pleasures, the little ones, full of gladness, left the beautifully decorated room with two magnificent linen handkerchiefs given as souvenirs by the little girl to whose honor they were so gloriously entertained.

Little Miss Grosner is well known in this city, having, by vote, been declared the most popular girl baby in this city, and all those who have seen her also declare her one of the daintiest and most beautiful little girls of their acquaintance.

The following Washingtonians are registered at local hotels in New York today: Mrs. Corbin, R. P. Doyle, W. J. Platterton, Mrs. J. G. F. Hibbel, J. A. McCarthy, J. M. Miller, T. D. Scribner, S. Tyrell, H. S. Weyl, N. Wilson, Mrs. E. Wilson, E. Allen, A. E. E. Elder, J. F. Godey, T. Grant, F. T. Hanna, W. M. LaPorte, W. A. Meerns, M. M. Wilson, J. F. Pender, G. L. Radford, W. E. Cochran, J. Harting, E. G. Davis, L. H. Hoover, E. F. Kimball, L. N. Mann, H. N. Mann, Miss McCabe, J. N. Yerkes, E. J. Pender, G. L. Radford, W. R. Speare, W. U. R. Upham, W. C. Wallis.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Benjamin Kaiser, 24, District of Columbia, and Anna Shorr, 19, Philadelphia, Pa.

Otto J. DeMott, 27, and Mamie U. Hill, 24, both of Montgomery county, Md.

William U. Herbert, 25, and Helen R. Kanold, 24.



MISS MARION W. GALLAUDET,
Daughter of Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet, and One of the Most Intellectual and Brilliant Girls of Washington Society.

LEONARD H. POOLE WEDS MRS. JACKSON

Well-Known Lawyer and Club Man of This City Married Today in Parkersburg, W. Va.—Tucker-Butler Nuptials Announced.

A wedding of particular interest to Washington people, which will take place at Parkersburg, W. Va., today, is that of Leonard H. Poole, a well-known club man and lawyer of Washington, to Mrs. Sophie Rathbone Jackson, of Parkersburg. The Rev. Dr. Moore will officiate.

Mr. Poole is a member of the bar of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the United States Supreme Court. He is a graduate of Yale, 1881, and of the law school of the University of Maryland. He is a member of the Bar Association of this city, of the Century Club, and of the Dumbarton Club.

After the marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Poole will reside in Parkersburg, which is the former home of Mr. Poole, where he will practice law.

A wedding took place last evening at the parsonage of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, when Miss Lillie Meister and John O'Neill were married, in the presence of a few relatives, by the Rev. Thomas G. Smyth. Miss Mamie O'Neill, a cousin of the groom, was maid of honor, and Edward O'Neill, his brother, was best man.

The bride wore a white gown and white hat.

After the ceremony, a supper was served at the home of groom's aunt, Mrs. Niland, on H street northwest.

A wedding announcement which comes as a surprise to the bride's family and friends alike is that of Miss Bertha A. Tucker, of W. F. Butler, which was announced to the family by telegraph after the young couple had started for Atlantic City Thursday night.

Mrs. Butler is very young, not yet eighteen, and the groom is not much older, having just reached his twenty-first year, and it is owing to their youth that they decided to take the matter into their own hands and settle the question without the aid of their elders.

The Rev. T. O. Crouse performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Butler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Butler.

GERMAN EMPEROR HONORS ROSS WINANS

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—The Court Circular, in recording that Emperor William and the Empress visited the Roman fortress at Saalburg, in the excavation and partial restoration of which the Emperor is much interested, says that Ross Winans, of Baltimore, the donor of the left gate, was present.

His majesty presented Mr. Winans to the Empress and showed him and others of the large party of princes and commoners the ruins of the ancient fortified camp.

THOS CULHANE'S FUNERAL AT ST. ALOYSIUS' CHURCH

The funeral of Thomas Culhane, for many years employed as foreman by the parking commission and a large real estate owner, who died at his home, 321 New Jersey avenue northwest, Thursday afternoon, will be held at St. Aloysius' Church Monday afternoon. Interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Culhane was a native of Ireland, but had been a resident of the District since 1882. He is survived by a widow and one son.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WILSON. CAPT. NANTS' DAUGHTER

The funeral of Mrs. Oliver Nants Wilson, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Estelle Seay, 415 Twelfth street northwest, last Wednesday, will take place from her daughter's residence this afternoon.

Mrs. Wilson's father was the late Captain Nants, of the United States Navy, who distinguished himself in the war of 1812. Her husband is a prosperous farmer of Prince George county, Md.

Iowa Anti-Pass Law To Publish Names

Believed That Publicity Will Make Officials of State Pay Their Fares—Amendment Against Issuing Mileage to Newspapers.

WEBSTER CITY, Iowa, Sept. 8.—When the Iowa anti-pass bill is offered in the next legislature, it will have attached to it a provision requiring the publication of the names of those who apply to the railroad in order to secure free transportation.

The railroad will be required to report to the executive council or to the State Railroad Commission the names of all persons to whom passes have been issued during the preceding year. The bill, as proposed, will provide that the issuance of all passes shall be prohibited, except that railroad employees and their families may ride free.

No one has any disposition to prevent railroad employees and their families from receiving passes. But, fearing that members of the Legislature and other public officers may find it easy to class themselves as railroad employees by becoming attorneys for companies, for instance, the bill provides that a section which will compel publicity as to those who do receive passes, which publicity will uncover all unethically all-ances of the character mentioned.

A Similar Bill.

The State of Washington recently passed a law creating a State railroad commission and a tax commission,

which is empowered to pass on the railroad assessment of the State; and as a part of the railroad commission bill, an anti-pass bill was adopted.

This utterly prohibits the issuance of free transportation except as to employees of railroads and their families. John C. Lawrence, one of the newly appointed members of the new commission of the State of Washington, was in Iowa a few days ago, and said it was proposed by the board, of which he was a member, to enforce this anti-pass law stringently.

Against Public Officers.

"To stop public officers from acting as employees of railroads and therefore entitled to passes," said Mr. Lawrence, "we shall require the roads to report to us the names of all persons to whom free transportation is issued under this head, and we will publish the names."

"We believe that it will remedy the evil which otherwise might arise." It also is said that members of the Legislature, acting on a suggestion of the railroad, propose to introduce an amendment specifically prohibiting the issuance of railroad mileage to newspapers, on the theory that the issuance of this mileage has a far greater effect on public sentiment than does the direct issuance of passes.

SENATOR PLATT TAKES CARE TO AVOID OMAHA

Goes to Denver by Southwestern Route. Change Ascribed to Mae Wood Suit.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 8.—Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, had his private car Courier transferred to the Southwestern division in going to Denver and will thus avoid Omaha.

Much speculation has developed because of the sudden change. All of the train dispatchers along the line had been notified the Senator's special would come via Des Moines and Omaha. It has been surmised the Senator fears the service of papers in Omaha growing out of suits brought by Miss Mae Wood.

ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE HAD NARROW ESCAPE

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Fire in the laboratory of the Rockefeller Institute for medical research, which occupies a wing of the Rockefeller child's hospital and nursery, in Lexington avenue, near Fifty-fifth street, for a time seemed to imperil the lives of scores of mothers and their babies in the hospital. Prompt action on the part of the firemen prevented serious damage.

The fire was started by oil boiling over in the absence of a physician, who was reducing a mixture intended for use in the treatment of pneumonia.

AMERICAN TO INVEST MILLIONS IN CHILE

VALPARAISO, Chile, via Galveston, Tex., Sept. 8.—Newspapers here announce that an American syndicate has been organized, and with a capital of \$100,000,000 for investment in Chile.

FORCED HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TO DANCE ON ROCKS

Mayor Dunne's Son Said to Be One of the Students Who Are in Fear of Expulsion for Hazing.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 8.—Hazing in which the victim, dragged to a vacant lot in the dark, was made to dance barefooted on broken rocks, was applied to initiate younger pupils at the Lake View High School, North Ashland avenue and Irving Park boulevard. As a result freshmen's parents have threatened to withdraw their children from school unless hazing is ended, and several pupils, among them Richard Dunne, son of Mayor Dunne, stand in fear of expulsion.

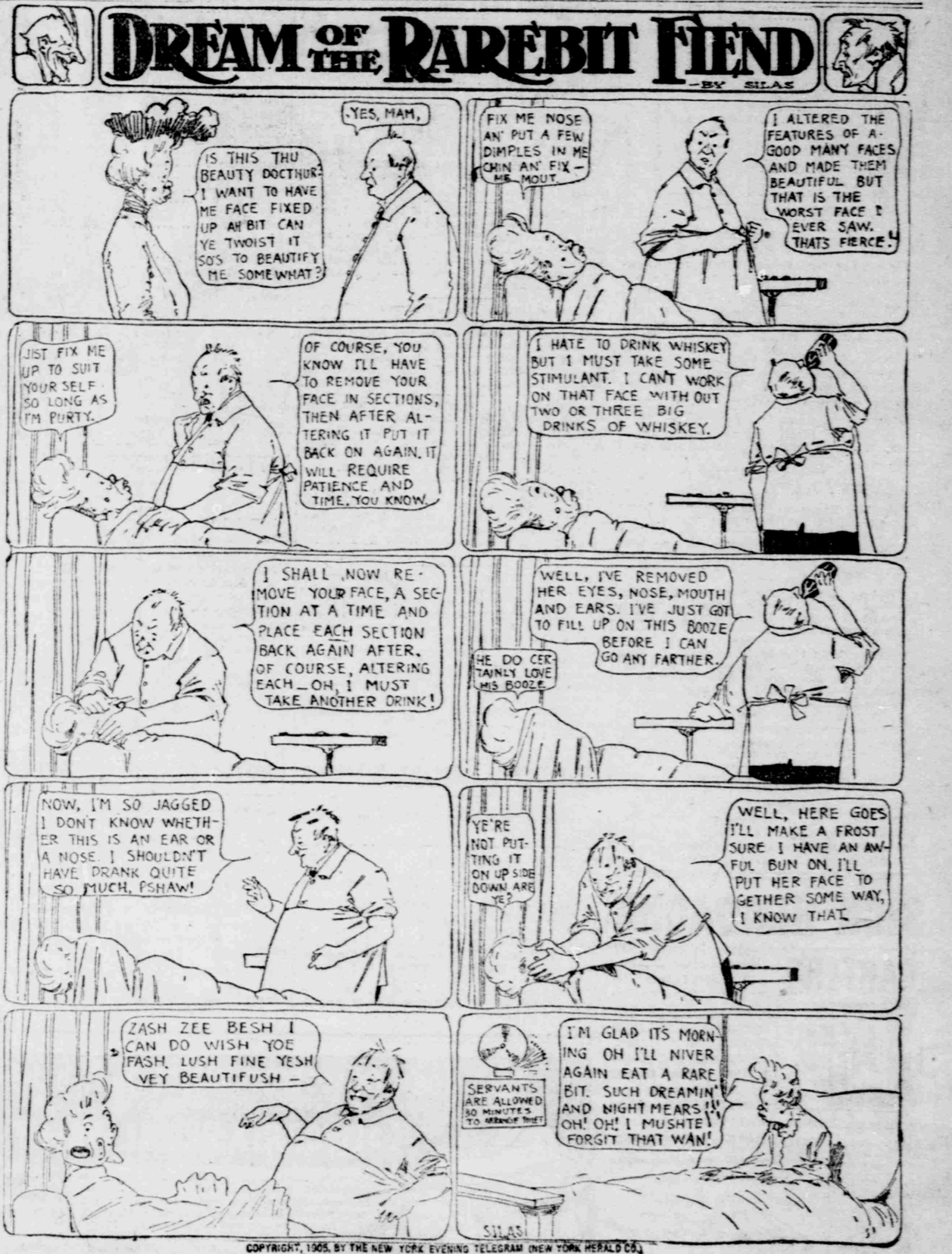
Some of the freshmen were thrown down and badly beaten. Then they were escorted to the stonewall lot, deprived of their shoes and ordered to dance. Any unwillingness was rebuked with big sticks vigorously wielded. Several of the victims came off with severely bruised feet and during the ordeal their sufferings were acute. Mayor Dunne said if his boy was guilty he should be punished with the others.

MARINE BAND AT WHITE HOUSE

The Marine Band, William H. Santelmann, leader, will render the following program at the White House, beginning at 4:50 o'clock this afternoon:

March, "The Bride Elect".....Souza Overture, "1812".....Tchaikovsky Caprice, "Heart's Memory".....Santelmann Cornet solo, "Heart and Hand".....Rollinson

Musical Edward B. Llewellyn, Grand fantasia, "The Walkure".....Wagner Waltz, "The Beautiful Blue Danube".....Strauss "The Star-Spangled Banner".....Key



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